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In re Application of: SONOBE, Takeo.
Application No. 10/578,604
Filed: May 4, 2006
For: Electrical Power System Suppressing
Corona Discharge From Viewpoint Of
Environment

DECISION ON REQUEST TO
PARTICIPATE IN PATENT
PROSECUTION HIGHWAY PILOT
PROGRAM AND PETITION TO
MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 CFR
1.102(d)

This is a decision on the request to participate in the Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) pilot program and the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(d), filed October 25, 2007, to make the above-identified application special.

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

A grantable request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition to make special require:

- (1) The U.S. application must validly claim priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a) to one or more applications filed in the JPO;
- (2) Applicant must submit a copy of the allowable/patentable claim(s) from the JPO application(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
- (3) All the claims in the U.S. application must sufficiently correspond or be amended to sufficiently correspond to the allowable/patentable claim(s) in the JPO application(s);
- (4) Examination of the U.S. application has not begun;
- (5) Applicant must submit a copy of all the office actions from each of the JPO application(s) containing the allowable/patentable claim(s) along with an English translation thereof and a statement that the English translation is accurate;
- (6) Applicant must submit an IDS listing the documents cited by the JPO examiner in

the JPO office action along with copies of documents except U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications; and

(7) The required petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h).

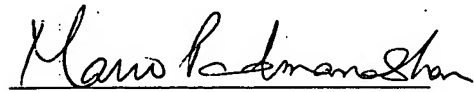
The request to participate in the PPH pilot program and petition failed item (4) above, since a first action on the merits was mailed to applicants on 12/7/2007.

Therefore, the Petition is **DISMISSED**.

Response must be faxed to Mano Padmanabhan at 571-273-4210 (RightFax) or 571-273-0308.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Mano Padmanabhan at 571-272-4210.

All other inquiries concerning the examination or status of the application should be directed to Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system.



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